Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Sir, are there no records already in the possession of the Government that will enable the Government to find the information required?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—The information cannot be found out from the records in the possession of the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Nor will they help it?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—They will not.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Did not the Government inform the last meeting of the Council that some special arrangement was being made in the Huzur Secretariat to collect similar statistics?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—I do not think that any assurance was given by the Government that they would collect statistics in similar matters.

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Not in regard to kanams.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Then what is the new arrangement about the collection of statistics?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Statistics are only collected with regard to trade, commerce, sea-borne traffic and so on.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—What time will the collection of these statistics require?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—That question does not arise in view of the answer given by the Hon'ble Member for Revenue.

Cultivable lands and parambas in the State.

122. Mr. K. Ashtamoorthi Namboodiripad.—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the total extent of cultivable lands and parambas in Cochin State?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—5,19,163 acres.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Does this include wet and dry lands?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—Yes.

Joint registration of land—Applicants for.

123. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state the number of applicants for joint

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registration of land in each village and the number in which registration was allowed in each of the villages in 1110?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.— A statement containing the required information is appended *(Appendix II)*.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—With regard to Anandapuram the number of applications is 15 and the number allowed is only 7. May I know why is this difference?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—A fair number of the applications is still pending. A few were disallowed.

Taxation in fishery.

124. Mr. M. A. Sankunni.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) what should be the minimum income for taxation in fishery;

(b) whether the Government are aware of the catch of fish in the paddy fields by using sluices;

(c) if so, have the Government any idea of the prospects of the paddy field fishery in the State;

(d) is not the catch of fish from the paddy fields an additional source of income to the owners of the fields and hence taxable to that extent;

(e) if the answer is in the negative, will the Government be pleased to make a hasty enquiry to collect statistics;

(f) in the matter of collecting revenue do the Government generally ignore the interest of the poor labourers?

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon.—(a) No minimum has been fixed by Government.

(b) Yes.

(c) Yes, it is understood to be very profitable in certain areas.

(d) 1. Yes.

2. The question of imposing tax is being considered.

(e) No answer is required in view if the answer to (d) above.

(f) No.

മിസ്റ്റർ എം. എ. ശങ്കുണ്ണി.—മിനിമം ഫിക്സ് ചെയ്യാത്തതിനു വല്ല പ്രത്യേക കാരണങ്ങളുമുണ്ടോ?

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